

WATER EXTENSION STRONGLY BACKED

Hyattsville Mayor Commends
The Times for Its Extension Campaign.

FINAL ACTION LIKELY SOON

Maryland Suburbs Have Support of Entire State Delegation in Congress.

Residents of Hyattsville and surrounding territory in Prince George's county are hopeful for an early completion of the negotiations now going on between the District and the Maryland authorities as outlined in The Washington Times, authorizing the extension of District water and sewerage to adjacent Maryland communities within the Washington suburban sanitary district.

John G. Holden, mayor of Hyattsville, today strongly urged the project, and commended the publicity which The Times is giving to the steps in the negotiations.

Mayor Holden stated that the present water works at Hyattsville will probably have to be remodeled in any case within the next few years, and that the extension of District water will be the most satisfactory solution of the problem now facing the municipality.

Final Action Awaited.

William T. S. Curtis, chairman of the Washington suburban sanitary commission, the board which is representing Maryland in the conference with the District Commissioners, stated that the final draft of a bill embodying the commission's views as to needed legislation by Congress to authorize the water extension was recently submitted to the District Commissioners, and that final action by them is expected immediately following the holidays.

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is preparing to make a comprehensive showing before the Senate Committee as to the needs of the extension from both the District and the Maryland viewpoint, as soon as the District Commissioners have given their approval to the measure and forwarded it to Congress.

Maryland Delegation Favorable.

In their efforts to secure favorable action by the Senate the commission expects to have the unanimous support of the entire Maryland delegation.

Senator Blair Lee of Maryland in an interview in The Times recently stated that he is a warm advocate of the water extension and that he would do all in his power to further the project when it gets before the Senate.

Senator John Walter Smith, the chairman of the District Committee, also is understood to be favorably disposed to the extension, and introduced a bill at the last session authorizing the water extension to adjacent Maryland territory three miles in width. This bill is also before the Commissioners at the present time, but its provisions are expected to be radically changed when the Commissioners report on needed legislation.

No further action by Congress is needed with respect to sewerage as reciprocal sewerage arrangements were authorized at the last session.

Maryland Takes Lead.

As pointed out by Mayor Williams, of Takoma Park in The Times, Maryland has already taken the lead in reciprocal sewerage arrangements, and houses in Takoma Park, D. C., are now using the Maryland sewers with the consent of the Takoma Park Council.

"Both the sewerage and the water extensions will prove a boon to Hyattsville and surrounding territory," said Mayor Holden. "The present sewerage disposal arrangements are unsatisfactory, to say the least, as the Hyattsville sewage is discharged directly into the Eastern branch, endangering communities further down the stream, and, of course, ultimately polluting to some degree the waters of the Potomac river. Some complaint has already been made regarding the conditions, but drastic action at this time is not deemed necessary. Conditions should, however, be remedied as soon as possible, and the best method of doing this is by a use of the District sewers."

Necessity Evident.

"The necessity and advantages of the water extension are evident. Hyattsville is now supplied entirely by water from artesian wells, of which the municipality owns seven, three of which are inactive at the present time.

"The water is hard and not well suited to washing and household use, containing large amounts of iron. We have experienced one period of drought which I believe to have been due partly to a failure of the filters at the bottom of the wells.

"At present the population of the municipality is about 2,200, and there are 400 water users. A flat rate of \$12 annually is made to residences and \$20 to manufacturing establishments. Our present plant cost \$30,000, including the standpipe and the reservoir. We operate two gas engines, a 20-horsepower engine for the standpipe and a 6-horsepower engine for pumping from the wells.

"Large units are always more economical and more certain of operation than small units, and while our present plant might continue to give satisfaction for some years, it will be more expensive and less satisfactory than our use of the District water under the plan which has been described and advocated by The Times.

"There would seem to be every reason why the District, which has plenty of water, should sell some of it to us at the same time the sewers are extended. The interests of the Capital City and its suburbs, both in and out of the District, are obviously identical. Whatever helps the District helps us; whatever hurts the District hurts us.

"From all but a political view we are residents of the District; and

spend the greater portion of our money there; most of us work there; many of us own property there; and this project, which is one of equal benefit to the District and to us has my unqualified support.

"The interest and co-operation on the part of The Times both in its editorial and news columns is to be commended. Had it not been for The Times few of us would have known of the contemplated extension, whereas we are now able to make our influence felt both at the District building and at the Capitol."

U. S. HOPES BERLIN MAY SAVE PLANS

Germany Alone Can Keep
Peace Efforts From Utter
Collapse, Is View.

(Continued from First Page.)

tente governments by the inference drawn from the President's note that he regarded the heretofore expressed aims of the belligerents on both sides as identical.

Considerable surprise, and some resentment, is expressed here in entente quarters over the disclosure, made in the Spanish reply to the President, that the United States Government had sought to urge Spain to act with this country in the move for peace.

While the nature of the supplementary communication referred to in the Spanish note still remains to be cleared up, entente diplomats in the Spanish note, so far as to attempt to organize a more or less concerted move on the part of all the leading neutrals to bring pressure to bear on Great Britain and her allies for a favorable consideration of his proposals.

Deny Communication.

State Department officials insist that there was no such supplementary communication, and intimated that they were at a loss to understand the reference in the Spanish note.

Lansing has thus far declined to comment on the matter, and it is assumed that there may have been some supplementary instructions sent to the American embassy at Madrid regarding the manner in which the President's note should be presented, and that the embassy simply submitted those instructions in written form.

Emphasizes Fact.

As matters now stand, the Spanish communication has merely served to emphasize the fact that, whether or not President Wilson intended to be put in the position of sponsoring Germany's peace overture, all other neutral powers, as well as the belligerents, are considering him in that role.

Only those neutral powers who have been regarded throughout the war as pro-German, such as Switzerland, Greece, and the Scandinavian countries have indicated the move of the United States thus far.

Spain Near Break.

Spain, standing herself at the verge of a submarine controversy with Germany every bit as serious as the submarine controversy between the United States and Germany, is regarded as pro-ally, and her note to President Wilson, it is pointed out in diplomatic quarters here, makes it plain that she has no intention of being trapped into the position of endorsing Germany's overtures.

Despite the agitated efforts of Administration officials to discount the printed report this morning that Secretary Lansing was not altogether in harmony with the President as to the wisdom of the latter's move for peace, no other explanation was forthcoming for the fact that for months prior to the President's action Mr. Lansing has consistently disapproved all suggestions that the United States would make any move for peace at this time.

It was as much because of the previous attitude of Mr. Lansing as anything else that the entente diplomats in Washington were completely taken off their feet when the President took the step that he has taken in this connection, there is considerable speculation going the rounds of the National Capital as to what influence, if any, former Secretary of State Bryan may have exerted to precipitate the President's action.

Thanked by Wilson.

Gossips were today recalling the fact that early last month Mr. Bryan came here and received from the President at the White House the latter's thanks for what Mr. Bryan had done for the Democratic cause in the last election. It was the first time that the President had thanked a private citizen for his services to the country.

The address of the President to the American people, the Rev. Charles P. Anderson, Episcopal Bishop of Chicago, and the Rev. William T. Manning, Episcopal Bishop of New York, were the first to be read in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Lansing, on the other hand, is understood to have as consistently urged the President against any action, his arguments being based, it was understood, on plain intimations from the entente capitals that offers of mediation would not be welcomed from any neutral power.

When, however, Mr. Lansing was overruled by the President to act, the Secretary is said to have realized that the only basis upon which the action could be taken without giving outright offense to the entente governments, was to indicate that the United States was moved primarily by consideration for her own interests.

It was the Secretary, it is stated, who was responsible for the complete redrafting of the President's note just before it was sent, and who not only inserted the clauses specifically explaining that it was not a "peace note," but also put in the paragraph referring to the "intolerable situation in which the United States found itself by reason of the activities of the belligerents."

Asked On Own Responsibility.

When even these precautions failed to remove the impression, immediately manifest in the entente capitals, that the President's note was a direct endorsement of Germany's overtures, the Secretary of State, the next day, on his own responsibility, issued his first statement "interpreting" the President's note by explaining that it was prompted by the fact that the United States felt itself "drawing closer to the verge of war."

FLOOD AND COOPER SEE HOPE OF PEACE

House Foreign Affairs Committee
Leaders Not Discouraged
by Entente's Note.

CHANCE FOR CONFERENCE

Declare Opening for Further
Negotiations Is Left in
Allies' Reply.

The note of the entente powers rejecting suggestions of peace has not dissipated the feeling in Congress that an end of the European war is not far distant, and that there yet remains prospect of a peace conference.

This feeling was reflected today in statements made by Chairman Hal D. Flood, of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and Congressman Henry A. Cooper, ranking Republican member of that committee. From the first these committee members, along with other leaders in the lower branch of Congress, have been optimistic over the peace outlook.

"I believe that peace is coming within a reasonably short time," said Mr. Flood. "Not all hope is cut off by the note of the allied powers. A careful perusal of the reply to the German proposal reveals that a loophole has been left for further communications and eventually a peace conference. The turn taken by the peace discussion, in my opinion, leaves an opening for negotiations, and means peace, I believe, within a little while. I have not abandoned today my belief that peace is on the way."

Mr. Cooper was equally confident, saying: "It will take a little time, but I believe the world is going to have peace soon. I think ultimately these negotiations are going to be successful."

Public Opinion for Peace.

"Most certainly there will be peace in Europe if public opinion can be forced. The people themselves are tired of this fighting. Now is the time to press for further negotiations, for sentiment the whole world over, in neutral and belligerent countries, is for a cessation of hostilities."

"I have carefully read the reply of the entente powers. On its face it seems a flat rejection of peace proposals, but there is here and there an opening for additional overtures, and the gateway to peace has not been closed. Now, Germany will progress a step farther in her overtures and the neutral nations continue to press for a peace conference, an end of the war is not far distant."

WANT WAR TO GO ON

Prelates and Laymen Join in Warning
Against Premature Peace.

In a signed document, addressed to the nation, more than fifty prelates and laymen of various denominations, representing many sections of the country, have united in a warning against what they declare may be a premature peace in Europe which "may bring a curse instead of a blessing."

Among the signers of the document made public here today, are Lyman Abbott, President, Hibben, of Princeton; former Attorney General Bonaparte, Winston Churchill, the author; President King, of Oberlin College; Gifford Pinchot, George Wharton Pepper, Philadelphia; the Rev. William A. (Billy) Sunday, James M. Spear, chairman of the Laymen's Missionary Movement; the Rev. C. K. Nelson, Episcopal Bishop of Atlanta; the Rev. Joseph F. Herr, Methodist Episcopal Bishop of Philadelphia; the Rev. Philip M. Rhineland, Episcopal Bishop of Pennsylvania; the Rev. William Lawrence, Episcopal Bishop of Massachusetts; the Rev. Harry E. Fosdick, of Union Theological Seminary; the Rev. Charles P. Anderson, Episcopal Bishop of Chicago, and the Rev. William T. Manning, Episcopal Bishop of New York.

The address declares that the "ill-prosper of America should consider the rights or wrong of the occupation of Belgium, Poland and Serbia; the Armenian massacres, the hardships of Hebrews and Syrians, the 'attempt to array Moslems against Christian in holy war,' and to be reminded that 'peace is the triumph of righteousness and not the mere sheathing of the sword.'"

It further declares that the signers "view with concern the organized and deliberate efforts now being made to stampede Christian sentiment as to create a public opinion blindly favorable to stopping hostilities without adequate consideration of the issues which the war involves."

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BLANDY—On Sunday, December 31, 1916, at Cherrydale, Va., HARRY A. Blandy, husband of Catherine Johnson Blandy, aged forty-three years.

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FAIRFAX—At Oak Hill, Va., LINDSAY FAIRFAX, of Fairfax, Mass., in the sixty-first year of his age, on Tuesday, January 3, 1917. The body will remain open to receive visitors for such services between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 2 o'clock p. m. on that date.

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